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From: Michael Bishop <mbishop@clearrate.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Adams, Hope <Hope.Adams@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Proof of Publication Application and Petition for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services

Hope,
Good morning, I trust you are well. I have attached for purposes of filing with the Commission, a cover letter along with our Proof of Publication of Notice relative to the virtual hearing in this matter.

Thank you very much for your on-going assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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August 28, 2020

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attn: The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator
101 Executive Center Drive.
Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: **Proof of Publication** Application and Petition for Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services
CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Docket No. 2020-171-C

Dear Sir or Ma'am:

Enclosed for filing, please find Clear Rate Communication's Proof of Publication relative to the aforementioned Application and Petition.

If you have any questions in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (248) 556-9522 or by e-mail at mbishop@clearrate.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ **Michael D. Bishop**

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Enclosures

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The Post and Courier

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the city of Charleston, county and state aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

(copy attached)

appeared in the issues of said newspaper on the following day(s):

08/24/20 Mon PC

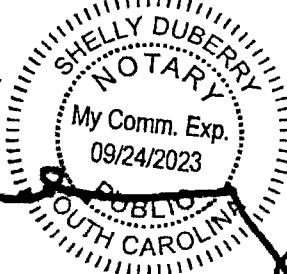
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at a cost of \$434.64
Account#
Order# 1891208
P.O. Number:

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 24th day
of August
A.D. 2020

[Signature]
advertising clerk

NOTARY PUBLIC, SC
My commission expires



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SOUTH CAROLINA CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES

DOCKET NO. 2020-171-C
Application of Clear Rate Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Non-Facilities-Based Local Exchange and Resold Long Distance Telecommunications Services and for Flexible Regulation of Its Local Exchange Services and Alternative Regulation of Its Long Distance Service Offerings. Clear Rate Communications, Inc. ("Applicant" or "the Company") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Non-Facilities-Based Local Exchange and Resold Long Distance Telecommunications Services in the State of South Carolina. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 58-9-280(B), and Section 253 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Applicant requests that the Commission regulate its local telecommunications service offerings in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation in Commission Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 1997-467-C. In addition, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 58-9-35 and the general regulatory authority of the Commission, the Applicant requests that the Commission regulate its long distance service offerings in accordance with the principles and procedures established for alternative regulation in Commission Order Nos. 95-1734 and 1996-55 in Docket No. 1995-461-C, and as modified by Commission Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C.

A copy of the Company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under "Docket No. 2020-171-C". Additionally, a copy of the Application is available from the Company's representative Michael D. Bishop, General Counsel, Clear Rate Communications, Inc., 2600 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 450, Troy, MI 48064.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before September 14, 2020, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2020-171-C and mail a copy to all other parties in this Docket.

Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission, the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before September 14, 2020. Please refer to Docket No. 2020-171-C.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a virtual hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817; on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on Monday, October 26, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., before a Hearing Examiner in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280, as amended, the Commission will invoke the 120-day period allowed for consideration of this matter.

The rates proposed in the Company's Petition/Application are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

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Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines Page 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenor only): All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's Direct Testimony Due: 9/14/2020; Other Parties of Record Direct Testimony Due: 9/28/2020; Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony Due: 10/5/2020; and Other Parties of Record Substantive Testimony Due: 10/12/2020. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under "DOCKET NO. 2020-171-C".

For the most recent information regarding this Docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and Docket No. 2020-171-C. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding MUST present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing. Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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